

A Wonderful Pair of Glasses.

Elb Schmitz, so the Germans say, had some glasses one summer day of wondrous pattern, unknown before. They were aids to sight, as in days of yore; the strangest thing, and you'll own it was queer, that they made their owner to think and to hear. He could not see, but he could hear, and to see; but, alas! a fatal spell had induced the glasses. The images met his view; the sounds that he heard, whether mirth or joy, blended with sorrow, like base alloy. The scene was beautiful quite, it seemed. Every sunset that flushed and gleamed the western hilltop was out of line. The moaning music of wind and pine, when in the song of the happiest bird, chilling discords that Gottlieb heard. Saddest of all, it transformed his mind. He was harsh in his judgment of all mankind. He had duty each day more blind, and broke the glasses in sudden ire; he was no longer would change at desire. The magic lens he had worn too long: the line was deflected, each angle wrong, the resonant still was the lark's glad song. The story a true one? I can not say. I know, should you come our way, get or market you'd surely find some of men who are deaf and blind, and light and beauty and love and joy selfish lives. And there's many a boy—'m loath to confess, but I fear, some of us—looking through Gottlieb's glasses.

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THE WORK OF A CONVICT.

Niel Titus, a convict in the Montpenitentiary at Deer Lodge, has to a Kansas city attorney a cane carved by himself during his idle hours, which is a marvel of artistic work. The stick is a light, straight piece of beechwood. A gold head ornaments the top, but this is discount the remarkable wood carving. The convict Titus, with his penknife, carved upon the slender stick the representations of the faces of every American president from Washington to Harrison. Directly below the ornamental gold piece the convict carved the American eagle and the motto of the United States, E Pluribus Unum. A wreath with the bars and stars in the center, an excellent likeness of the face of his country is next and then the faces of all the presidents. The stick was evidently taken when the outer bark was polished away to the sapwood. This was carved in thousands of fine hair lines, and then the wood was cut away, leaving each face on a surface. The work is as delicate as the finest pen and ink, and that Convict Titus is an artist, as well as a genius is attested by his faithful representation.

INVENTION HER MANIA.

One of the most prolific of woman inventors is Mrs. Ella Neilson Gaillard of New York. Her first invention was a automatic toy, which she called the "Irishman and a Negro" in a fierce contest. Then she invented another field altogether, and in the eyeless needle, now used in sewing machines throughout the world. She invented the musical top, while spinning, plays a full orchestra. Then came her folding chair for travellers, a folding flat-top then a novel bird-cage chain. She got out a musical fountain that plays a tune and throws a stream of water with such precision that not a drop ever escapes to soil the carpet. She made a dress-shield, next a sweat band for hats. She outdid herself, she invented a carriage telephone. She drifted into mechanics, she invented a lock which enables one to open a door by simply looking at the key whether the door is locked or the locking being registered on the key. Her last invention is a mupaper weight with a calendar attached, that looks for all the world like a team-winding watch, the face of the day, month, and year.

A great deal of this talk about the invention of the Spanish and Mexican is bosh," said James C. Madriguerras, Mexico, at the National Convention. Mr. Madison is an American interested in Mexican silver and has spent the most of the years in that country. The story of the Mexican girls of the classes are very pretty along the fifteen, sixteen, up to twenty. Then they begin to decay. Thirty-five they are anything but attractive. They are all born and have a most alluring and enticing way of coquettishly contrasting their faces behind long manes of a bright color and coming out from behind them at a distance. On the theory that a skirt is more suggestive than a march of Amazons ballet, the Mexican appear to the stranger to be very beautiful. They all do have wonderful, black and sparkling. But I can never pretty women this afternoon F street than Mexico will in the next fifty years." —Boston Post.

For one cough cure. Mr. Jas. H. Barber, of Buffalo, N. Y., writes thus: "I have used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in my family for a number of years, and it has cured me and my house shall never be without it."

A poor knife-grinder in Hungary complained that a rag-man had stolen his dog. When the police looked into the matter, they found that the rag-man had in his possession a fine dog of the variety known as the Great Dane, of which he could give no satisfactory account. The case was brought into court, and the judge decided that the dog should settle the matter. The two claimants were placed one at either end of a long table. The dog was led in, and held by a string midway between them. The judge then clapped his hands three times, and the men began to whistle vigorously to the dog. At the same instant the dog was set free.

The Great Dane looked at the rag-man, then at the knife-grinder, then at one bound he cleared the open space, and disappeared through the open door, to the astonishment of the court.

The fact was that the dog belonged to neither of the contestants, but to a gentleman to whose house he went straight from the court-room. He had been stolen successively by the knife-grinder and the rag-man.

The old Norse idea of the hereafter planned for evil doers is almost the direct opposite of the orthodox hades. The place of torment for the reprobate sons of the north is called Nastrond, and is situated far toward the frigid north and is directly under Nifheim, the Scandinavian mythologists' purgatory. A description of Nastrond as it appears in the "Prosa Edda" (written in Iceland in the thirteenth century) is as follows: "In Nastrond there is a vast and direful structure with doors that face the north. This building is formed entirely of the backs and the scales of serpents, watted together like wicker work. But the heads of the serpents themselves are turned toward the inside of the hall, and they continually vomit forth floods of venom, in which must wade throughout eternity all those who commit murder or swear to lies." Another description of Nastrond is similar to this, but adds that the evil doers are occasionally bitten by the great dragon Nidhogg.

It pays to establish a good name and to keep it. This is as true a precept in everyday affairs as in a work on moral philosophy. When there is need for a man for any particular work the man who has the best reputation, that is, the man whose record proves him to be most trustworthy and best suited for that particular task, will be chosen.

Let no one imagine that the trustworthiness is a small matter either, for that is as essential a part of a good name as efficiency itself. Nor is it enough that the qualities should be possessed without being known.

The most successful men, and the best men, for the best men are those who do the most good with their gifts and acquirements, are not the hermits or recluses. They are the men who let their lights shine. When the world needs men, there they are; their abilities are known, and they are in a position to seize their opportunities for their own and the world's good.

It is by all odds the best liniment. Mr. Chas. Metzger, 219 Gray Ave., St. Louis, Mo., is of the same opinion. He says: "Salvation Oil is the best remedy we have ever used in our family. It is the best remedy on earth."

At a recent business convention Governor Francis, of Missouri, who is in a position to know whereof he speaks, paid tribute to the local newspaper as follows:

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Lenten Excuse—You don't mean to say that you are going to the theater in Lent, are you?" "Yes; that's just the reason. The tickets are lent."

Tommie (looking thoughtfully into his aquarium)—Mamma, I think the worst thing about being a little fish would be having a mamma without any lap.

Miss Newcombe—Seems to be rather a good year this for fruit, Giles. Are all your trees as full of apples as that one? Giles—Oh, naw, only the apple-trees.

Pat—Sure toime was invinted in owd Ireland. Jeweller—Why do you think so? Pat—D'yez be thinkin' its name would be o'clock if it didn't come from the owd sod?

"No, I don't know much about the poetry of motion," said the literary editor, "but," tossing the verses into the waste paper basket, "I can give you an illustration of the motion of poetry."

A man said to Bishop Wilberforce, "Pray, sir, can you tell a plain man in a single sentence the way to heaven?" "Certainly," was the instant reply, "Turn to the right and go straight ahead!"

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Servant—Mrs. Youngwife wants you to send up five gallons of mustard, right away. Storekeeper—What is she going to do with so much mustard miss? Servant—The baby is sick, and the doctor ordered a mustard bath for it.

A school teacher who had been telling the story of David ended with, "and all this happened over 3,000 years ago." A little cherub, its blue eyes opening wide with wonder, said, after a moment's thought: "Oh, dear, what a memory you have got."

A letter written with one's own hand is considered more respectful than any other. According to the Louisville Recorder, Bishop Barrington, whose handwriting is execrable, wrote to a correspondent, "Out of respect I write to you with my own hand; but, to facilitate the reading, I send you a copy made by my amanuensis."

A French priest, who had usually a very small audience, was one day preaching at the church in his village, when, the doors being open, a gander and several geese came stalking up the aisle. The preacher, availing himself of the circumstances, observed "that he would no longer find fault with his district for non-attendance, because, though they did not come themselves, they sent their representatives."

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